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at down at the table, good comrade of mine; Here is cheer, and some finsks of the vintage of

Tis taste we must please, not our seeing, nor touch; And with either for dinner we're not a loss, if we've celery plenty and eranberry sauce! For then with a flask of good Rudesheim

Nay, more—with a turkey like this at co-mand, Who'd not be a patriot, proud of his land?

One turkey-let's eat, for comparison fails.

A COSTLY CHRISTMAS GIFT.

BY MADGE CARROL.

days. Society takes a vacation after ushering in long evenings, tones up previous to Christmas and New Year

There's always a lull before the holi-

We were a dull little group, yet, if I

mistake not, work progressed more en-couragingly. Fingers flew in place of tongues. It was just the girls and our-

They had figs in Judea, and fattings so fine, Young kids dressed with orives, and what they

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ever received.'
This proposition, from Ada Alday, TIN, COPPER, suggested a new interest to be derived from a topic much discussion had ren-dered 'flat, stale, unprofitable.' Gertie Sheet Iron Ware, and Bess Waltham seized upon it ea-

'It has been moved and seconded,' announced Hilda Etheredge, 'that each WOODEN PUMPS, member of this goodly company ac-CASITNGS &c. it by saying 'aye." Tin & Sheet Iron Roofing

most expensive Christmas present she ever received. Those in favor, signify There was achorus of ayes. Miss Zell alone was silent. 'Contrary,' said Hilda. Miss Zell was fashioning some every-

day garment, she was paler than usual, pale as the white muslin she held, yet a faint smile crossed her lips as she said, with an effort, 'If not too late-

We knew well her costliest gift, the diamond that for nearly a twelve-month hand burned on the beautiful hand. Her betrothed, Clement Moir, was as good as he was rich. Not a girl of us but wished Heaven had made her such a man, yet Hilda played 'fast and loose' with him in a spirit of vanity and recklessness before which our hum-

As we looked from mother to Miss Zell, there arose a murmur of disapproval. The latter checked this by saying, even more gently than usual: 'It is my priv-ilege, but please allow me to be last.' Hilda graciously consented. 'Mrs. Rubb, will be kind enough to begin.' 'My father gave me this house on

her lovely hand. 'Now, Miss Ruby Mine was a silk dress. Gertie's a

pearl set. Bess had some difficulty deciding. Was even obliged to consult window where I sat. Still, I knew he her sister before concluding that hers was not angry. Rodger never got anwas a plane. It had come round to gry at me. Miss Zell at last. Laying aside her sewing, she went to her room, return-ing with a small glass case that held simply a collar and pin.

oval pin, jet, set in a brassy-looking rim; the crimson of the velvet on which they rested was pale with age, and moths had picked it here and there. 'I know what you are thicking,' said Miss Zell, answering our interchange of glances. 'You can form a very fair estimate of the value of this giff, even

far handsomer articles, pet this, Miss Zell, steadying lip and voice for Zell's face was white and still, but we the continuance of her narrativo. 'He thought the tiny case would drop from her trembling hold, 'is the costliest Christmas gift I ever received.'

'I think I see a story somewhere,' white flakes swirled into the dints Rothought the tiny case would drop from her trembling hold, 'is the costliest Christmas gift I ever received.'

Girle, I was once eighteen, and had a lover,' she said, and stopped, not being able yet to control herself. I'm eighteen, and never had one, put in Bess, whom nothing could en-Here is warmth, here is comfort, and smiles

tirely subdue, and implying Gertrude by a significant glance.

Bess, hush! Miss Zell's not pausing And here in the centre, enthroned on a plate, superb in surroundings, and royal in state, You behold—why, what cynic could give him for a reply,' answered that individual, not a trifle vexed.

'His lather was my father's nearest neighbor,' continued Miss Zell, witha scowl? With his cranberry courtiers, our national out noticing the interruption. Their farms adjoined, and so little heed was taken of boundaries, that father used to say he never was quite certain ing in all probability Rodger was sale whether he was harvesting his own in lown, and would be over as early as there.
But no ! he's a coward—ah! well, that depends!
He can light for his hen, and his chicks and grain or Nimrod's. It any question possible in the morning. Even while arose, the one would say to the other, 'Never mind, we'll make it right when Rodger marries Maria.' We came to noticed, too, that she set a fresh candle to the other, or, rather, I looked on him as mine exclusively, my own per-sonal property, to be taken or left, just and bright; The piates are all warm, and the napkins are as it pleased me. I suppose I must have been pretty, everybody told me I was, and I had a bright, merry, exact-From his side cut thin slices, the whitest e'er ing way that was law at home or abroad. There had been other chil-For the indies, God bless them! but my ruder dren in both families, but only Rodger Takes the thigh, and the last part that gets o'er and I as far back as we could remember. We were brother and sister long Ah! white meat or brown meat, it matters not

before we could understand a dearer 'How well I remember that time. 1 am living in it yet. My real folks are back in those years. All that has come afterward has been dim, cold, shadowy. Life-keen, blood-warmed, zestful life | last, just as the cold, gray darkness fell, --stopped in that winter of my eight they brought to me all that was left of

Miss Zell's work was on the floor, her bands clasped across where it had lain, her eyes gazing outward on visions we were not to behold. How unlike herself self she looked. How unlike herself she looked. How unlike herself she talked. Dising practical word in the control of t selfshe looked. How unlike herself she talked. Plain, practical, word-sparing Maria Zell! Bess said, afterward, it was like reading a book.

cranburries re !,
And their paim—and their date trees this celery instead?
While as for their kids, and their lambs, and 'Before that year, the seasons linked one in the other, a flowery, unbroken chain, each bringing its full measure of joy, and I accepting as thanklessly as if loy were the common lot. My poor Rodger knew no such shadowless bliss. gave him little peace with my vary-I gave him little peace with my varying moods and tempers. Often feiguing anger merely for the purpose of tormenting him. A handsome, high-spirited, merry boy, yet he came and went at my bidding as meek as a lamb; blest if he might in any way minister to my comfort; wretched if he falled, treated him worst, at the promptings of the veriest selfishness that ever ruled

selves. Ada Alday, from next door, the golden-fleeced Walthams, Gertie 'Yes, the seasons came and wentand Bess, from around the corner, and Hilda Etheredge, our doctor's daugh-ter, whose portrait, as Cleopatra, adorn-ed the academy wall. Ourselves con-sisted of Miss Zell—our seamstress, a springs of never-to-be-forgotten green-ness; summers of unrivalled blossoming; gorgeous-skyed, leaf-dropping au-tumns, and white-robed winters-came and went, until my eighteenth birthday looked me in the face.

maiden lady-ma and your numble servant, Rubina Rubb-Ruby, 'for short.'

We were all deep in the mystery of Christmas presents that somebody at home was not to see, and end in being surprised over.

Pa and the boys being out, ma covered her dainty figure with her 'lord and master's' dressing-gown, and I swung alive he wanted to be with me.

It was the 24th of December; my suspected of comming down the chimbus applied to be made as a model, on which he had engraved the above sentence. At the sale of the collection of curiosities it who bought by Lord Howard for 5884 francs.

After disposing of sixteen pages of the bill the committee rose. rode over before dinner, declaring laughidgly that if he was to be buried alive he wanted to be with me. He promised me a fairy palace when it was over; and the time ran along in trifling chat—I being in my best mood the little doll's dressmaker calls them. Six great families of master's' dressing-gown, and I swung my 'big brother's' slippers with the recklessness of absolute freedom. trifling chat—I being in my best mood —who knows that every question of —until about two o'clock in the after—the folk-lore is of curious importance, 'Suppose we each tell what was the

where we traded our farm produce for such articles as were needed in the family, took a ride up the main street. We wanted to see the latest wonder of cld times, which have always such a the place-an establishment where charm for the critical investigations or nothing but dry goods were sold. We saw it, and I saw this collar. Nothing so beautiful had ever before found its saw it, and I saw this collar. Nothing so beautiful had ever before found its way to our little country village, and I was wild to possess it. There were others in the window, with the small pins, showing how they were to be fastened; but this was the neatest and sweetest. Mother had nothing either to give or offer in trade, and I was wretched beyond description, until she suggested my telling Rodger about it, and making him understand I would like to have it for Christmas. He allike to have it for Christmas. He al- both these names have exactly the ways gave me something; this year I might as well do my own choosing. So, when all of a sudden he asked, call-So, when all of a sudden he asked, calling me by my pet name, 'Miri, what do you want for Christmas?' I instantly mentioned this collar, intimating that that the pin would not come amiss. I should have them both, he said.

should have them both, he said. 'To wear to-morrow?'
'Yes. I'll go over the first thing.' 'And be gone half the day-and your father and mother to be here to dinuer,'

I answered poutingly.
'Well, then you shall have it for your birthday. I've something for Christmas.' 'No, I didn't want it my birthday. If I could not have it to wear at dinner next day, I declared he need not get it at all. Surely I didn't want him to go over that night, he said, in pained surprise. Ordinarily the coming and going consumed four hours. It would take twice that time in such a storm.

Two o'clock in the afternoon means the control of this original belief is plain-Christmas morning.'

'So far so good. Ada you've the advantage of me by some thirty days if I mistake not.'

Two o'clock in the afternoon was not night, nor anywhere near it, I answered, and twitted him with being afraid of snow. Girls, I got my way; after all

these years, it little matters how.
'He went to the barn, took his Ro meo from the stall beside my Juliet, and started. He was strangely pale and grave; never came to say good-bye, and scarcely smiled as he passed the window where I sat. Still, I knew he

gry at me.

O girls, from that day to this the Eve rude and simple a thing to make that Holy Child bring knick-knacks and of Christmas never comes without my sweetmeats to the children down the seeng Rodger ride past my window as he rode that day—the snow weaving a scarf for his broad shoulders, and whitening his bonnie brown hair.'

Miss Zell paused, entirely overcome by the emotions she had so striven Involuntarily my gaze sought Hilda. She was white as death, and clutched the hand that held the ring as though she never meant to let it go. I saw then, for the first time, that this was a lesson, a warning, if she but kept it at

'I watched him out of sight,' said Miss Zell, steadying lip and voice for

seam,' preparatory to beginning her nine that night I played the merriest story. Beside myself, there was father, mother, our help and two cousins, Marmaduke and Minerva, come to spend Christmas. Singularly enough, the old was turned so very opportunely into an maid-card almost invariably stayed in old man. The other idea could never my hand. Finally I threw it into the

shovelled their way to the barn, got the horses, and undertook a search. At twelve they returned, almost perished,

ook upon ourselves as each belonging in the window in place of one that had tion: burned out.
'I laid my head on the pillow; but how could I sleep with Rodger riding around the house with snow-sown

hair and a white scarf that was wind ful world; but I had neither eyes nor heart for its beauty. For it was only a mocking, brazen glare.

been there the day before, made his saying: purchase and started home. Others joined who knew and were fond of him, and all day the search continued. At my true love, my Rodger!

'I wouldn't ask you, Miss Zell, only Clement is so good. I hope the baby will be like him. May I name him Rodger?'

This story was a year and a month old when Hilda asked this question. All of Miss Zell's real folks are not in those backward years. I am quite cer-

To the little ones this would seem or seemed to fail; for often when I was proudest of him and loved him best, I better not put it to that experienced umns, and white-robed winters—came
nd went, until my eighteenth birthay looked me in the face.

'It was the 24th of December; my
suspected of comming down the chim-

Clause,' which, in the Gothie or anci-Santa Claus formerly meant the Holy

or four hundred years ago changed the character of the legend. Those who had put away Catholic sentiment in religion, and wished to have their own in the preface, thus gives the last scene chimney, and so, by degrees; altered the old idea, making it a genial, secu-lar fancy in the person of a benevolent and jolly old man, such as the Germans and others have welcomed for many generations, and we in this country have generally recognized of late years. He is such a cheery and felicitous old fancy, that nobody would ever have thought of challenging him in any respect, but for the great mistake, so long ago committed of sending him about the world with that tell-tale Claus pinned on his back, as it were. He really should, himself, have remembere with the rest of his recollections, that his name is interpreted in Schiller or

pastime and festivity, and was inevi-tably displaced by a generation in whom the simple old beliefs and reverence of departed ages lived no longer. After all, it was lucky that Santa Claus have come down to such a matter-of-fact as this; and our Christmas would 'At ten we had lights in the window. have wanted the happiest genius of its At eleven, father and Marmaduke festivity—the Santa Claus of the German vaterland.

## Death Warrant of Christ.

The Courier des Dtats Unis says: Chance has put into our hands the most imposing and interesting judicial docu-ment, to all Christians, that has ever The Courier des Dtats Unis says:
Chance has put into our hands the most imposing and interesting judicial document, to all Christians, that has ever been recorded in human annals, that is, the identical death warrant of our Lord Jesus Christ. We transcribe the document from a copy of the translation:

Sentence rendered by Pontiue Pilate, acting Governor of Lower Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death on the Cross.

Bill for relief of homsteaders in the grasshopper districts was passed.

Bill amending customs and revenue laws was referred to a committee of conference.

Bill providing a new Government for the District of Columbia was called up and extra copies ordered.

Senate part of a joint committee to receive Ling Kalakana was appointed.

House—A large batch of new bills were introduced, including the following:

Regulating prosecutions for libel

In the year seventeen of the Empire of Tiberius Cæsar, and the 4th of March the city of the Holy Jerusalem; Aneas and Caiaphas being present, sacrifica-tors of the people of God, I, Pontius Pilate, Governor of the prætatory, condemn Jesus of Nazareth to die on the 'A party of neighbors dug their way Cross between two thieves—the great to town, but did not find him. He had and notrious evidence of the people

1. He is a seducer. 2. He is seditious.

3. He is the enemy of the law.
4. He calls himself, falsely, the Sor 5. He calls himself the King of Israel.
6. He entered into the temple followed by a multitude bearing paim branch-

Order the centurion, Quintius Cornelius, to lead him the the place of exe-Forbid any person whomsoever, poor or rich, to oppose the death of

The witnesses that signed the death of Jesus are:
1. Daniel Bobani, a pharisee. 2. Jonus Horobabel,

3. Cabet, a citizen. Jesus shall go out of the city by the gate 'Stranuous.'
The obove sentences are engraved on copper plate-on one side are written

these words: 'A similar plate is sent to each of these taibes.' It is found in an antique vase of white marble, while excavating in the city of Aquilla, in the Kingdom of attached to the French army. At the expedition of Naples, it was found inclosed in a box of ebony in the sacristy of Caurtum. The French translation was made by members of the Commission of Arts. The children requested earnestly that the plate should not be taken away from them. The request

The American Indians. Six great families of nations are recognized among the aboriginal inhabitants of the region lying west of the Rocky mountains, and a hasty count shall redeem mutilated currency. of the summaries given in the book shows that more than seven hundred tribes are specially mentioned, without including long lists of tribes of whom nothing more than the name appears to be known, and which may be mythical, or described under some other designation. Lying along the Arctic coast are the Hyperboreans; between the fifty-fifth and forty-second parallels are the Columbians after who come

ceed half a million.

New Civil Rights Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The House committee on the Judiciary to-day egreed upon a supplementary Civil Rights bill, taking that which last year passed the Senate and is now pending in the House, as a foundation for it. The only alterations made are the omission of competeries and insertions omission of cemeteries and insertion of a provision for separate schools for white and blacks, with equipments and provisions for instruction in all respect equal, the appropriation of school funds to be pro rata between the races. Instead of the penalties being cumula-

tive, the House makes them either civil or criminal. The chairman of the committee has been instructed to report the bill as a substitute for the Senate bill, with the inderstanding that White, of the committee, shall offer his bill as a substitute. The latter does not prohibit sep-arate accommodation in schools, railroads, inns, etc., for the two races, pro-vided the accommodations are of equal equipment and kind.

A Reminiscence of Edgar Allen Poe.

In the new volume of Poe's poems edited by R. H. Stoddard, the editor, in the life of Poe:

He started from Richmond October 2, 1849, and arrived at Baltimore between trains, and unfortunately took a drink with a friend, the consequence of which was that he was brought back from Havre de Grace in a state of delirium. It was on the eve of a municipal election, and as he wandered up and down the streets of Baltimore he was secured by the lawless agents of a po-litical club and locked up in a cellar all night. The next morning he was taken out in a state of frenzy, drugged, and made to vote in eleven different wards. The following day he was found in a back room at the political headquarters and removed to a hospital. He was insensible when found, and remained so on October 7. The doctor and nurse were with him when he first showed consciousness. "Where am I?" he asked. They answered, "You are cared for by your best friends." After a

sugerers was passed.

House—Bills introduced: For a narrow gauge railway from Lake Erie to the Missouri river; regulating prosecution of libels in the District of Columbia.

Bill for the relief of the Allegheny River Railway company was passed. Consideration of the District of Colum-

age stamps for the Treasury department, bringing up the subject of the franking privilege. Messrs. Kelley and Maynard denounced the abolition

A CHRISTMAS SLEIGH-RIDE. The old gentleman pulled a bag from

lap proceeded to show me some of the wag on. 'They seem to be old-fashioned toys,' I remarked.
'Yes, he said with a sigh, 'these new-in the spring.

A Minnesota man makes the winter seem short by giving his note payable in the spring.

'Yes, he said with a sigh, 'these new-fangled affairs are of no service to me. You couldn't get a paddle-wheel steamer, with a real engine, into a common stocking. You'd ruin the vessel or the stocking. And there's scarcely a girl in the land who wears a stocking large enough to hold a doll's trunk, furnished with silk dresses, bonnets, and all the necessary underclothes. No, I have to confine myself to such things as bear a proper proportion to the feet and legs of children. There is one thing,' said he, turning upon his still jolly old countenance, 'that has had more influence than anything else in causing the general indifference with which I am now regarded.'

'And what's that?' I asked.
'Furnace-heat,' he said. 'What sen-

be'And what's that?' I asked.
'Furnace-heat,' he said. 'What sensible person, old or young, could expect a fellow with a bag on his back, to come down a flue and through aniron register? It would be absurd to try to make even a child believe tha anything of the sort is possible.'

And then he put away his bag and the lines again, with a look of resignation.

'It's all.'

'And what's that?' I asked.
'The Toledo Herald hopes, if Kalakaua sells his kingdom to the United States, he will by a suit of clothes. He owns a shirt now.

A father at Dubuque makes his children address him as follows; for instance:—"Most respected and revered father, I'll take another tater."

Colorado started a collection.

'It's all.'

'It's all wrong!' said I, 'all wrong! The old way was best.'

'No doubt of it,' said he,' 'but what can you expect? Everything old is changing, changing,' Locked three or four doctors to feel his pulse. changing, changing, changing.'
'How about old furniture?' I asked.

That seems popular enough.'

'That's changing, too,' he answered.

'Coming down out of the garret into the parlor. As to people, in general, I scarcely know what to make of them.

There will soon he asswered.

When a young man in Charleston,
S. C., saves the daughter of a millionaire from drowning, he is presented with a pair of kip boots having red tops.

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SFNATE Dec. 14.—Memorials presented: Of Indiana colored men, asking appeal from the recent decision of the Supreme Court of that State in regard to mixed schools; from the late publishers of the Congressional Globe, asking that the Government purchase their building and materials.

Bills introduced: Making appropriation for improving the Great Kanawhariver, amending the Geneva award act; providing for distribution of seeds to grasshopper sufferers.

within itself the promise and potency of every form of life! Would you expect the children of such persons to hang up their stockings?"

'No,' I said. 'I don't think I would.'

'Of course not,' said he, with considerable asperity for so jovial an old fellow; 'it would be entirely out of keeping. Go 'long there! Get up, Vixen Why, I tell you, sir, there's not half a dozen houses in that town behind us that I could get into. If you do manage to squeeze down a chimney, you're pretty sure to land in a kitchen fire, or in a cellar furnace! I hate furnaces! Bill for relief of homsteaders in the They're the invention of the Devil, sir,

receive Ling Kalakaua was appointed.
House—A large batch of new bills were introduced, including the following: Regulating prosecutions for libel in the District of Columbia, providing for free banking reducing letter postage to one cent; concerning the official term of the President, providing for compromise and settlement of Southern State debt; providing for investigation of the political condition of the South; repealing law requiring prepayment of newspaper postage.

A resolution was adopted calling for information in regard to distribution of supplies to sufferers from floods in Alabama.

An effort to suspend the rules and pass the bill repealing the press gag law failed, and the bill was referred.

A motion to suspend the rules and passa resolution directing investingation for regard to the safe burglary trial was rejected.

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committee to inquire into the ecope and effect of the so-called press gag law; resolution, also adopted, proposing amendment of the rules so that bills may be introduced without previous notice.

Bill authorizing distribution of army rations and clothing to grasshopper suggerers was passed.

At this he rose, and stood up in the sleigh, cracking his whip and shouting to his steeds at the top of his voice.

The reindeer dashed forward like mad—they reached the shed, they bounded up, the runners struck the eaves with a bang, and out I shot into a snow-bank.—'Etchings,' Scribner for January. MISCELLANEOUS.

> It is better to be useful than rich. A fast musician-One who plays too collection.

With hungry men, meal times ar the best time No Chinamen has ever yet become book agent. A mother-in-law in the house is

when he is no mower. 'The Beautiful Blue Danube' is a muddy, yellow fraud. Jonah was a stranger among whales

When was the greatest freak of nature? When Mary had a little lamb. What is the largest room in the world? The room for improvement. Snails are to be taxed in Paris, which will make them go still more slowly.

A client is never certain about a law-yer, and generally takes him on trial.

Texas has a town called Lovelady.

consist of one woman, three Indians, a buffalo calf and a Professor of Botany.

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roung Rides dressed with olives, and what they called wine;
They had pain trees and date trees, and odors us rare.

As the sweetest of roses could fling on the air.
What's their figures and their flowers to those

Lumber,

Cook Stoves! Suppose we each tell what was the most expensive Christmas present we ever received.

Ayes have it. Proceed,' was Hil-

bler, softer natures stood appalled. In her giddy way, Bessie Waltham proposed the oldest should speak first.

'My most expensive present was a watch and chaio.'
'And mine-' Hilda had but to lift

A lady's collar, narrow, yellow, with a spare, little, embroidered vine; an

taking into consideration the passage of time since its purchase. Some among you recollect having given me

fire, and the game ended.
'At ten we had lights in the window.

not having been able to make head-way against lhe storm.
'Mother entreated me to go bed, say-ing in all probability Rodger was sale

ing, winding in fatal folds about him? Morning came at last, A red sun rising on a white, wondrously beauti-

very foolish question indeed—as if everybody did not know who Santa better not put it to that experienced and downright philosopher of eleven covered by the Cymmissariat of Aris last June, who has, somehow or other, last June, who has, somehow or other, left the pure faith of childhood, and now laughs like and infidel—a mere Voltaire—a perfect Mephistopheles— when the thing is mentioned, and cries out, 'Ah! I know who Santa Ciaus is!

Mother and I had been in town the day before, and, after visiting the store which is not derived from ideas or cuspoetic reveries of men. This cheerful Christmas legend was quite a new thing

> as he was of the Pagan East before. In Christian times he was still regarded with religious reverence, sitting, as he had sat for ages in Egypt and elsewhere in the arms of his mother. Senta Claus was, in fact, the child Jesus in the middle ages, and throughout that period the festive creed of Germany and all Celtic Europe was that he visited all family dwellings of good Christians on ly enough indicated by the word ent German, means 'Child' and 'Son.'

It is not very difficult to see how the change of men's religious beliefs three

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A resolution providing for investiga-tion of the Vicksburg troubles was passed.

I clung fast to the side of the sleigh.

'Oh, yes!' he shouted,' this is the right sort of driving. This is the way

passed.

A resolution declaring subsides to corporations was offered, but not acted upon.

Senate Dec. 15.—Bills introduced: To consolidate the debt of the District of Columbia: limiting for bounty; resolution proposing election of President by direct vote, making him ineligiple for re-election, and fixing his term of office at six years; resolution, which was passed, instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the ecope and effect of the so-called press gag law;

Social ostracism is very unsocial. Resolution to adjourn December 23

Select committees to investigate the Vicksburg troubles and the general condition of the Southern States, were appointed by the Speaker.

A mother-in-law in SENATE, Dec. 16.—A resolution was well spring of jawy.

bia bill was resumed, but not conclud-A communication from W. L. MeMillan claiming to be a Senator from
Louisiana, was presented and referred.
Senator Pease was assigned to the
Committee on Claims committee on Claims.

House—Pending consideration of the legislative appropriation bill, an ani-mated discussion arose upon a motion to strike out the item for official post-

of the privilege and favored its restoration. ation. The motion to strike out was rejected, 71 to 77.

one Christmas Eve when he fell in Memphis for wearing somebody else's with an old gentleman who invited him into his sleigh. What then hap- Old maids are inquiring about the cl pened he tells in Scribner for January: mate there.

It link I see a story somewhere, circle Bess Waltham, catching us all in the golden mesh of her hair as she crowded in to sit at the feet of the heroine of the hour.

Hilda, with her mermaid hair, her touring diamond and tortured love, and the window when the finishing of a garment. Now, here finished its appropriations were made for the grant and the least of the control of the contr

It requires no particular skill to make a blunder.

Time will only hang up his scythe

The elephant is said to be dying out;

The supplementary civil rights bill Pluck and patience are a strong firm was reported from the judiciary com- in transacting the daily business of life. The proper salutation when you meet a writing master is, 'How do you flourish?'

The old gentleman pulled a bag from behind the seat, and taking it on his dog, observe his tail and wait for the